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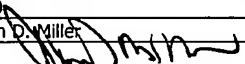
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO JULY 9, 2008 OFFICE ACTION**

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This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued on July 9, 2008 in connection with the above-identified application. A response is due October 9, 2008. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.